

Washington D.C. – Today, Harry Teague voted to boost the American manufacturing industry and create jobs by encouraging the purchase of products made in the United States. The legislation package, comprised of two bills, would create jobs and promote American competitiveness by requiring Congress and the Department of Homeland Security to buy products made in America.

“I believe that when we 'Make it in America,' we make America stronger. At a time when Americans are struggling to make ends meet, it is more important than ever that the money we spend on necessities is flowing right back into the American economy,” Harry Teague said. “The best way to do that is to support products made right here at home, and Congress should lead by example. Bolstering the national manufacturing industry will create high-skill, high-paying jobs and keep America, and American products, on top as a global competitor.”

Teague helped pass two bills -- The Congressional Made in America Promise Act and an expansion of the Berry Amendment -- through the House today that aim to “Make it in America”. The Congressional Made in America Promise Act Requires Congress to buy goods and services made by American workers for the first time since “Buy American” rules were instituted for federal agencies under President Roosevelt in 1933, including tighter Buy American requirements for items with the seal of Congress, the House, or Senate. The Berry Amendment Extension Act bars the Department of Homeland Security from buying clothing, tents and other products that are not “grown, reprocessed, reused or produced” in America. The bill passed by the House today would extend the Berry Amendment, which requires the Defense Department and Coast Guard to buy a range of domestic products, to the Department of Homeland Security.

Harry Teague has continued to fight to create jobs and boost business in America, voting to close tax loopholes that encourage corporations to outsource U.S. jobs overseas and supporting

efforts to strengthen small businesses by making more capital available to local small businesses who have been struggling to find support from lenders. Recently, his Energy Jobs for Veterans Act, which seeks to establish programs to provide on-the-job training, apprenticeship, real experience, and long-term employment in the energy field to veterans, was passed by the House of Representatives.

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